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POLICE ARE SHOT DURING RIOT IN S.W.

Reserves Called Out to Quell Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Bent on Lynching:

A policeman was shot and seriously injured, two negroes were beaten with clubs, and a number of others were roughly handled early today, when more than 200 soldiers, sailors and marines invaded southwest Washington bent on lynching a negro suspected of attacking Mrs. Elsie Stephenson, wife of John Stephenson, of the navy aviation department, as she was on her way home from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night.

A race riot was threatened and was only avoided by the prompt arrival of police reserves and a detail of marines from the Marine Barracks and soldiers from the Marine Corps, who swooped down on the mob which dispersed shortly after their arrival.

The policeman shot is Frank McGrath, of Fourth precinct police station. McGrath was accompanied by Policemen R. J. Cox, also of the Fourth precinct, was investigating the riot in Four-and-a-half street about 2 o'clock, when three negroes were stopped, suspected of having participated in the disturbance.

Expected to Recover. Two of the negroes fled, and the third, whose identity is unknown to police, was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The bullet whizzed past the policeman's head, and the negro then fled to the left, and today he is at the Emergency Hospital, expected to recover. Cox returned fire on the negro, who also fled after he had shot McGrath.

Ten arrests were made by the police as a result of the disturbance. Two of those taken into custody are Private E. H. Moore, stationed at Bolling Field, from whom a section of lead pipe was taken, and Eugene Peterson, a petty officer in the naval reserve flying corps, stationed at the air station at Anacostia. The others arrested are negroes, including: Adolph Fisher, Ellsworth Kelly, James Winfield, Clarence Wilson, Henry Thornton, Zachariah Jackson, Arthur Lee, and William Redman. They are held for investigation.

Marines and Sailors Start. The moving spirits in the march to the southwest were several sailors and marines who were gathered in the vicinity of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest near midnight.

Word had been received that two negroes, suspected by the police of the attack made on Mrs. Stephenson, had taken to flight and were later released. The military men started in search of the men, determined to take the law in their own hands.

Reaching the intersection of Twelfth and Thirteenth streets southwest, the mob being augmented by many citizens as they passed, they proceeded to attack George Montgomery, a colored, who lives in that neighborhood.

Beaten With Clubs. He was badly beaten with clubs and sticks and it was necessary that he be taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment. The mob then encountered Charles Linton, a white, and his wife, of 1209 Carroll court. Ralls was struck several times, his mouth being cut from a blow with a stick. The wife also was struck.

When Ralls was struck, the mob broke into the house and attempted to break in, but by this time a riot call had been sent from police headquarters, and Sergeant Guy C. Burlingame, night inspector of detectives, and police, marines, and soldiers put in their appearance and dispersed the mob.

Every Negro Questioned. Every negro encountered by the mob was stopped and questioned, and it was said that it had not been for the prompt arrival of the police and military forces a riot of serious proportions would have taken place. It was during the midst of the excitement in southwest Washington that Detective James Manning and William Murphy, of the Baltimore police department, were putting Forrest Egan, negro caddy, through a grueling examination at the Seventh precinct police station.

Egan was arrested by Sheriff William F. Aud, of Montgomery county, as a suspect in connection with the brutal assault made on July 5 on Miss Mary Saunders, a War Department employee, who lives at Somerset heights, Montgomery county. Sheriff Aud is confident that Egan knows more about the assault on Miss Saunders than he has told. Detective Sergeant Egan, however, who is a member of the Washington Police Department, who have questioned the negro, assert they believe him innocent, making this declaration as the result of their having run out on him the negro has given as to his movements and whereabouts on the day Miss Saunders was attacked.

The fear the Washington police

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Suggest District Women Carry Police Whistles

Have you a police whistle? It has been suggested by a number of readers of The Times that Washington women carry one in their purses.

Major Raymond W. Pullman, Superintendent of Police, supplies all policemen with whistles to be used in emergencies. With the outbreak of outrages on Washington women in the suburbs, it has been stated that women could frighten off an assailant, if attacked, by retaining sufficient presence of mind to blow a police whistle.

Most women when passing through the streets feel safe in the theory that policemen are always near by. But this is not always the case. The suggestion made is that a woman carrying a police whistle in her handbag or purse could use it effectively should she be attacked, or have suspicious ideas about a negro or any one else who might be bent on attacking her.

Not only are policemen protected with police whistles, but with revolvers which they carry in their handbags.

With most of the women of the suburbs of Washington practically terror-stricken because of the brutal attacks made on six women within a month by negroes, readers of The Times believe it would be well for women who must use unfrequented byways and roads, to carry police whistles, so they could summon police aid, if not frighten off a would-be assailant.

have that Egan will be lynched if brought to Rockville is a fallacy," said Sheriff Aud. "While Egan has not been proven guilty, we have a strong case against him. The people in Montgomery will let the law take its course, but regardless of the fears of the Washington police Egan is our prisoner, and he should be delivered to us."

Inspector Clifford L. Grant, Chief of Detectives, has said he will not deliver the prisoner to the Montgomery county authorities unless Governor Harrington of Maryland signs papers for his extradition. When questioned early this morning, Egan again persisted in declaring his innocence of any connection with the crime.

BUREAU GIRLS BEGIN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Women's Union of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Local No. 105, of the National Federation of Federal Employees, and the only all-women's local in the federation, yesterday afternoon, in a mass meeting at Typographical Temple, opened a campaign for more members, to continue through the week.

POLICE SEEK FUGITIVES FROM ST. ELIZABETH'S

The police have been asked to look out for two patients from St. Elizabeth's Government Hospital for the Insane who escaped from the institution yesterday afternoon.

MAKE NEW MONEY BILLS RETROACTIVE, GOOD URGES

A resolution to make appropriation bills signed since July 1, retroactive to that date was introduced in the House yesterday by Chairman Good, of the Appropriations Committee.

Government employees cannot be paid for work between July 1 and the time the President signed the bills, unless the resolution is passed, Good said.

What's Doing; Where; When

Today. Open-air Services—Lincoln Park, afternoon. Community Sing—Central High School, 8 p. m. Margarette Holt and William Van de Wall, will be present. "Hike"—Wanderlusters, begins at 3 p. m. Cox, Clara, Downs, Elsie, Wens, Mrs. Embrey, and Mrs. E. A. Henry. Officers of the union are Miss Nora B. James, president, and Miss Gertrude McNally, secretary.

EVERYBODY READY TO AD H.C.L. PROBE

Senator Ball Returns to City and Will Start the Ball Rolling Tomorrow.

Senator Ball, of Delaware, chairman of the Senate District Subcommittee that is to investigate the high cost of living in Washington returned here today and announced that he was ready to start the "ball rolling" tomorrow afternoon.

During the past week the District Committee has been deluged with requests by interested parties for permission to testify. When the time comes, there will be no dearth of witnesses.

It is believed the investigation into conditions in the District will result in a demand by Congress for a national probe for the purpose of ascertaining the causes of the high cost of living in Washington. The committee will be made up of representatives of the colored and white communities, and will be in charge of the investigation.

Co-operation Promised. Co-operating with the Senators will be the National Federation of Employees' Association, the joint congressional committee on the reclassification of Federal employees' salaries, the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and other organizations representing housewives in Washington.

A decision in the case of Miss Alice Wood, an eastern high school teacher suspended by the board of education, is expected from the Supreme Court, before the 1st of August.

STREET CAR RUNS INTO AUTOMOBILE

An automobile operated by Shirley Long, of 725 L street northeast, was slightly damaged yesterday when it was struck by a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, on Water and N streets southwest.

A street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company collided yesterday with an automobile operated by Levi Cook, whose office is in the Union Trust building, at North Capitol street and Massachusetts avenue, yesterday.

PRINTER SUES W. B. & A. FOR ALLEGED FALSE ARREST

A suit for \$10,000 damages was filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Waugh P. Heygatter, a plate printer, against the Washington Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad Company.

VAN SCHAIK PLAYS TO END SCHOOL ROWS

Calls Special Meeting of Board to Settle Problems Before New Term Begins.

Believing the school situation in Washington demands attention by the board before the start of school this fall, Dr. John Van Schaiik, Jr., newly elected president of the board, has called a special session of the school officials for this month.

Dr. Van Schaiik's decision to take up the final settlement of the various school controversies immediately is told in a letter received by Miss Alice Deal, from New York State, where Dr. Van Schaiik is spending his vacation. "I will return to Washington some time this month, and call a session of the Board of Education immediately," stated Dr. Van Schaiik in his letter.

Plans Not Outlined. Although Dr. Van Schaiik has not outlined the measures to be taken up, it is believed an effort will be made at the first meeting to bring all conflicting factors in the school situation together to effect some amicable understanding.

The teachers' council, which was created by the Board of Education several weeks ago, will also receive attention by the board immediately after Dr. Van Schaiik's return, it is expected.

While all the members of the teachers' council have been elected, no meetings have been held, and it is known that Dr. Van Schaiik is especially anxious to call a conference of the board and the teachers' council to discuss school policies. The High School and Grade School Teachers' association, are prepared to make several requests for a change in school policies, which, if granted, will result in drastic changes in the method of governing the Washington schools.

Bruce Case to Be Taken Up. It is also predicted that the Bruce case will come up for attention by the board this month.

The Bruce case is considered the most important of the school controversies at this time, mainly because the opponents of the colored assistant superintendent of schools are determined to take from 15,000 to 20,000 of the colored children out of the public schools this fall and place them in private schools in colored churches unless Bruce is removed.

Possibility of renewal of the fight to remove L. Thurston, assistant superintendent of schools, continues to be one of the main topics of discussion in school circles. Rumors that Dr. Van Schaiik, who led a fight against Superintendent Thurston before he went to France to do relief work during the war, will renew the fight.

During the previous fight against Mr. Thurston, the teachers (avored the superintendent. The opposite is now true. Organized labor is supporting the teachers' unions, and with the Parents' League, would constitute a powerful public influence.

Other Conferences Planned. The meeting which Dr. Van Schaiik has decided to call for this month is expected to be followed by other conferences. A decision in the case of Miss Alice Wood, an eastern high school teacher suspended by the board of education, is expected from the Supreme Court, before the 1st of August.

FIREMEN SUBDUE 3 SMALL BLAZES

Damage estimated at \$25 was caused by fire yesterday in the home of Michael Ricci, 813 Florida avenue northwest. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

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TEA-COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB, 1822 EYE

Meeting—Democratic State Society, room 242, Senate office building, at 8 p. m. Meeting—George Washington Post No. 1, Service Club, 918 Tenth street northwest, 8 p. m. Recital—Little Players Club, Wilson Normal School, Twelfth and Harvard streets northeast. Party—Home Club, Seventeenth and H streets northwest. Tea—Trinity Parish Hall, Third and C streets northwest, 4 p. m. Dance—Gymnasium, Fort Myer, Va. Musical—Dramatic and Mandolin Clubs, Powell School, Park road and H street northwest, at 7:30 p. m. Open-air Dance—Thomson School, Twelfth and L streets northwest, 8:45 until 11 p. m.

LEADS THRIFT WORK FOR THE NAVY



F. S. CURTIS, Chief clerk of the Navy Department, who has handled the thrift campaign so effectively among the employees of that department, the members of the Navy War Savings Society saved \$131,000 in thrift and war savings stamps alone.

100 BOY SCOUTS ENJOY CAMP LIFE

Plenty of Play for Youngsters, But They Are Kept At Work Also.

Washington boys who are members of the Boy Scouts have an opportunity for the time of their lives at the new scout camp near Chesapeake Beach, and more than a hundred scouts are attending the camp.

Camp Roosevelt, as it is called, comprising more than sixty acres of beach and woodland extending along Chesapeake Bay is five miles south of the beach. Facilities for swimming, boating, nature study, scoutcraft, handicraft, marksmanship, woodcraft, first aid and patriotism are offered the boys to keep their days full. Not only does the camp help their physical development and give them full chance to work, live and play outdoors, but each morning there are educational classes and interesting subjects.

The camp is located in one of the healthiest spots on the bay. Not only are the boys required to do all their own work to develop self-reliance, but the regulations are such as to bring about a ready response to discipline. The fees for two weeks at camp are small. Only scouts can attend.

TWO DISTRICT MEN ROBBED BY BANDITS

Benjamin Gray, 1332 New Jersey avenue southeast, reported that about 10 o'clock last night, while he was passing New Jersey avenue and I street southeast, he was held up and robbed by three colored men at the point of a pistol. He says they took \$11 bills from him and a basket of groceries.

One of the men, he said, was a brown-skinned negro who appeared to be about twenty-five years old, was about five feet eight or nine inches tall, and wore a dark cap, dark pants and overalls jumper.

The other two were dark brown of color, five feet ten or eleven inches in height, about twenty-five or thirty years old, wore dark clothes and hats. Gray thinks one of them had a rain coat on.

Talking close with these descriptions is the report of George H. Duval from the naval operating base at Hampton Roads, who declared he was held up at the point of a pistol by three colored men about half-past 1 this morning.

He was walking on L street, near Sixth, when stopped by the men, who got \$12 from him. His description of the men includes one who was light of color and wearing a rain coat.

'DIPS' MAKE MERRY WITH POCKETBOOKS

The pocketbook of Miss Bessie Hall, 1001 New Hampshire avenue, containing \$18 was picked from her pocket while she was walking near Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, yesterday. She was robbed of a small purse containing a small amount of money while she was near Seventh and B streets northwest, yesterday.

WHITE HOUSE ROUGH RIDERS LOSE MOUNTS

President Decides Motorcycles Are Not Necessary for Secret Service Men Now.

Secret service "rough riders" that section of the White House squad of guards who have been wont to follow in the wake of President Wilson's automobile wherever he went, are to be assigned to new duties, the President having issued orders yesterday discontinuing the use of motorcycles by his bodyguards.

The President is understood to be of the opinion that the motorcycles not only attracted unnecessary attention, but are not now necessarily essential as a safeguard.

Raymond King, one of the operatives who did valuable work in connection with the thefts of bank notes from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during the President's absence abroad, will return to field work. Albert L. Pack will continue with the White House squad as one of the drivers of the secret service cars. H. C. Shepherd, who is now in a hospital, will doubtless be assigned to field duties.

It is understood that Robert L. May, who formerly was a member of the metropolitan police force and has been in the White House since the day of absence, will become a police sergeant in recognition of his service as one of the President's wartime guards.

In the event that guards on motorcycles are needed on any occasion in the future they will be furnished by the police department.

CZECH 'ETS' LEAVE FOR NEWPORT NEWS

The Czech-Slovak fighters, after parading down the Avenue and an exhaustive sightseeing and souvenir hunting trip around the city, left Washington this morning for Newport News, where they will embark for home, closing their trip around the world.

Last night the men were entertained by the War Camp Community Service and the Y. M. C. A. in the Camp Meigs Y. M. C. A. hut. An entertainment consisting of vaudeville acts and musical numbers was followed by the distribution of chocolate and candy.

Yesterday morning and in the early part of the afternoon the majority of the thousand soldiers went sightseeing in War Department trucks. Many of the officers went through the downtown shopping district purchasing souvenirs for their families and friends, from whom they have been separated for five years.

After their arrival at Camp Meigs in the afternoon the men were given Czech-Slovak newspapers, containing their first news from home in two years. Many of them spent part of the evening in writing home.

NEGRO IS SHOT IN FIGHT; WOMAN SOUGHT BY POLICE

William Waimack, colored, twenty-nine years old, was shot in the right breast early this morning during an altercation at his home, 43 Canal street southwest. The police are searching for Little King, colored, living at the same address, in connection with the shooting. The negro's wound is not expected to prove fatal.

TESTING YOUR BUYERS' AGGRESSIVENESS

By THE MERCHANDISE MAN

ONE day I sat in my office going over the results of the fight for aisle tables, and was struck by the number of times the cloak and suit buyer had had tables for waists and skirts as compared with the buyer of laces.

I called in the advertising director and asked him who the buyer was that bothered him the most, and who was the most considerate. "Jones of the cloaks and suits drives me crazy," said the young man, "while Smith of the laces gives me the least trouble."

I suggested that he keep an exact record of the number of times each one of the buyers asked for space during the coming month, and we could then tell how to handle each and every case.

During the month Jones, of the cloaks and suits, came to the advertising office twenty-four times, while Smith, of the laces, came only once.

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WILL CIRCUMVATE UNITED STATES



COL. R. S. HARTZ, Who is to make an 8,000-mile trip around the borders of the United States in a Martin bombing plane.

FLIGHT AROUND U.S. BEGINS TOMORROW

Bolling Field Aviators to Make First Around Border Trip.

Colonel R. S. Hartz, commandant of Bolling Field, Anacostia, with two reserve pilots and two mechanics, will leave Bolling Field at about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, weather permitting, in a huge Martin bombing plane on the start of an 8,000-mile flight around the United States.

The trip is unique in American aviation history and is the longest flight yet undertaken by the Army Air Service. It is the first flight to be made around the borders of the country. On its record trip around the country it will be piloted by Lieut. Ernest E. Harmon, R. M. A., A. S. A., of Bolling Field, who on February 19, established a speed record of 85 minutes between New York and Washington.

Lieut. Lotha A. Smith, R. M. A., A. S. A., will act as assistant pilot. Sergeants First Class, John Harding, Jr., and J. Cobias will be the other members of the crew. Both are Bolling Field men and are expert mechanics.

The first leg of the trip, to be flown Monday morning, will be from Bolling Field to Mineola, L. I. From there the plane will fly to Augusta, Me., thence along the Great Lakes to Chicago, and on to Seattle, crossing the Rocky Mountains in the neighborhood of Helena, Mont. The course down the Pacific Coast will take the ship to San Francisco and San Diego, along the Mexican border to New Orleans, thence to Florida. From Arcadia, Fla., the plane will fly up the coast to Bolling Field.

It is expected that the flight can be made in eight days, providing weather conditions are satisfactory. The flight will lie across thirty-one States, crossing eighty-eight rivers, thirty-six mountains and mountain ranges, oceans, gulfs, bays, seas and lakes totaling forty-eight, twenty-seven railroads and thirteen transcontinental routes.

YOUTH IS BITTEN BY DOG. George Burroughs, nineteen years old, was bitten on the left leg yesterday by a dog while he was walking near Eighth and C streets southeast. The wound was cauterized at Casualty Hospital.

EXPECT PUBLIC SUPPORT

The belief that the people of Washington will support such an organization, selling food at reasonable prices, has been sustained by a few organizations, of course, can be expected for any movement which will benefit the people of Washington.

"Army food, of course, will not be the only food sold by the community food selling organization. The available supply of surplus army food will soon give out, and further purchases must be made from the various canning factories."

Looks For Opposition. "Opposition to the formation of the proposed organization may come from some concerns now engaged in the distribution of food to the people of Washington. Such opposition would be uncalled for, however, except from a few organizations that are profiteering. Food selling concerns which make a reasonable profit would not be affected."

"The success of the proposed community food selling organization is, of course, dependent upon the support of the people of Washington." Mr. McGrath said that the question of forming the community food selling organization will be brought up at the meeting in the District Building Monday night.

The advisability of obtaining more of the surplus army food for sale in Washington, even before the final formation of the "food price reduction" organization, will also be considered at that time.

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PLAN BODY TO KEEP D.C. FOOD PRICES DOWN

Citizens, Federal Employees and Others to Support Permanent Organization Here.

Steps to reduce the high cost of food in Washington permanently are being considered by District residents interested in the welfare of the people of Washington. John G. McGrath announced yesterday.

Mr. McGrath, with Commissioner W. Gwynn Gardiner, had charge of food sold to District residents at prices considerably lower than prevailing retail prices last week.

The plan, as propounded by Mr. McGrath, and which has received the endorsement of W. Carson Ryan, president of Federal Employees' Union, No. 2, of the National Federation of Federal Employees, provides for the formation of a permanent community food selling organization.

It is proposed to incorporate the organization, under the laws of the District and make it a nonprofit business concern dedicated solely to the purpose of selling food at reasonable prices to the people of Washington.

Says \$50,000 Is Needed. "Such an organization," stated Mr. McGrath, "would require a capital of about \$50,000. This amount will be necessary to insure the success of the concern."

Washington residents, according to present plans, will be given an opportunity to become stockholders in the organization and will be assured of a reasonable interest on their money. "Besides having the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to reduce the cost of food in the National Capital."

"The organization will be officered by responsible persons, including officers and the Federal Employees' Union, probably the teachers' union, Central Labor Union, citizens' associations, community centers, and other civic organizations in the District," said Mr. McGrath.

"A community food-selling organization will not eliminate the commission brokers, wholesalers and retailers now engaged in distributing Washington's food supply, but will eliminate big profits and insure them only reasonable profits."

"In my belief there are at present too many retail food stores in Washington. Many strangers come to this city, leaving their families in other cities, start in the food business and proceed rapidly to deplete the pay envelopes of the Government employees and employees of business concerns in Washington."

"The people of Washington cannot expect to obtain food through the proposed organization at pre-war prices, because of the fact that the cost of food is not as much as before the war. But the people can be assured they will receive food for a reasonable price—and a price lower than that being generally charged in Washington now."

"The clerks employed by this organization will receive fair wages and work only fair hours, and a policy of justice to everyone, including the purchaser, will be carried out."

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